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Dear Howard,

Our mailing of Priscilla reviews and the 10/13 and 14 CIA letters to you here today. I'll give Jim copies of the letters with a carbon of this.

Please be alert to the Sturgis stories down there and the Lane/Assassins "blockbuster." Little coverage here and you know what JL will see in the Times.

On the bus yesterday I read part of the condensation in Ladies Home Journal. While it is a crappy book if anything Priscilla reports can be taken as truthful I encourage you not to believe this trash is valueless. One significant and repeated detail makes it completely impossible for Oswald to have spent no more than the Commission guesstimated. Example: he insisted on buying Marina little and expensive goodies, like caviar.

On the CIA's letters, which redundantly and not identically fob you off on your request for the LHO Mexico City intercepts: you probably recall but I remind you in case you do not I have requested this and more--all intercepts anywhere -- and appealed and the time for response to appeal is a year or two years past. I've forgotten which.

If there had been response to Mark Allen's simpler request he'd have let me know.

They are playing a game that they have to review every single record before they can release any. Until one of us can file they'll play that game. Now, especially with the massive DJ release, they are in a bad position -- if anyone can do anything.

Jim and I hope to be able to do something soon.

Can you see how the two items do not diverge--Priscilla and CIA withholding?

Jim and I mentioned briefly that we'd like to ask for the JFK releases free from DJ. If you can think of any arguments or citations, especially considering that I have some two dozen requests two years overdue, I'm sure Jim would welcome suggestions.

Best,